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Dear Mrs. Purdum,

I believe in all constructive efforts to do anything about any aspect of any of the assassinations. I also believe that virtually none of the current activity is responsible and that to a large degree, once these types starting exploiting the changed situation for a wide variety of reasons, the net effect has been negative. Only time may tell.

It has become a minor industry to rip off the work others have done and then rip off minds and pockets by stealing it, generally where it is defent work not even credited, leave alone with permission.

The net effect it to deceive the people and to set too many off into silly paths and counterproductive actions. I have not been and will not be part of this or anything like it and haves maintained a complete detachment from all such people since myoone public effort to persuade them to be honest, responsible and unselfish, made at New York University this past April, failed. My view is that if we succeed in Congress it will be in spite of them.

There are none of whom I do not know and too many I know too well. They range from the insane to the self-promoters. Naturally all are public-spirited only, as they present themselves.

This makes problems for people like you because you have no basis for discrimination and not enough knowledge of the subject to tell truth from fabrication. Make no mistake, fabrication is as common as paranoia in this field.

Knowing it will be unwelcome, I can do no more than caution you. I'm only recently out of the hospital with ~~Phlebitis~~ phlebitis. While the doctor has permitted me the travel to meet lecture-bureau contracts, my activity is restricted and motion for more than a few minutes is not easy. (Excuse the typos- same cause- can't keep up.)

There is a responsible student group at the Univ. of Md. at College Park which has the purposes of your proposed group. It has other affiliates at other colleges. SDIIKA can be reached through the Student Government Association.

You are dreaming if you thinky there can be a really united effort, good as that would be, when most of those of whom you know are phonies and crooks. Who can unite with them? And how much original work has any one of them done? They are our Madison Avenue branch, with all the worst of that kind of abuse. You are also wrong in using phrases like splitting hairs and condemning details. There will be success only on the basis of solid, irrefutable fact. There can t be enough public pressure to force a Congressman or Senator to do what is against his political interest and there is no other basis for most for real effort to be politically safe.

Most of what you've seen on TV and heard on radio is at best exaggerated interpretation where it isn't plain false. Sorry but this is the way it really is.

Good luck in whatever you do,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg